

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 27, 2005.

Claims 12-21, 24-30, 39-44, 46-50, and 57-66 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 12-21, 23-30, 39-43, and 57-61 are allowed, and claims 45-49, 55, and 56 are objected to. Claims 23, 45, and 51-56 have been cancelled, and claims 62-64 have been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims for reasons stated herein.

The Examiner states claims 45, 48, and 49 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has rewritten claims 45, 48, and 49 in independent form as claims 44, 65, and 66, respectively. Therefore, Applicant believes these claims and claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

At the Examiner's request, Applicant has reduced the number of references for the Examiner's further consideration. The attached list of references was generated from the three IDS previously filed on July 30, 2004; January 11, 2005; and April 12, 2005. However, the attached list of references is not to be construed as a representation that no other possibly material information exists in the three previously filed IDS. A copy of the foreign patents, foreign publications, and non-patent literature cited in the attached list of references is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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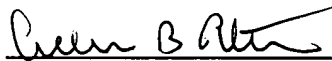
Claims 44 and 50-54 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) for being anticipated by *Willis*, U.S. Patent No. 4,821,814.

Applicant believes this rejection is now moot based on the amendments to claim 44 and the cancellation of claims 51-54.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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